

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A method of preventing damage to the shoots and foliage of a plant by a pest includes treating the seed from which the plant grows with a composition that includes at one pyrethrin or synthetic pyrethroid. In 5 another embodiment, the seed is a transgenic seed having at least one heterologous gene encoding for the expression of a protein having pesticidal activity against a first pest and the pyrethrin or synthetic pyrethroid has activity against at least one second pest. Treated seeds are also provided.